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Glove  
cast in  
Iron**



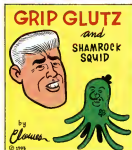
and...

**A MESSAGE  
TO THE PEOPLE  
OF THE FUTURE**

PLEASE DON'T LET ME DIE



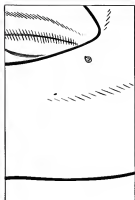
Remember, **EIGHTBALL** readers...  
**GOD** has a **HARD-ON** for YOU!



And the moral of the story is: NOTHING



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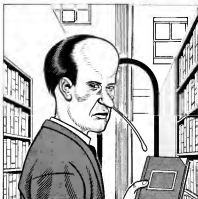












THE MEDIA, THE POLITICIANS,  
THE RICH AND POWERFUL-- THEY'RE  
ALL PART OF IT... THEY'VE ALL  
BEEN "ENDOWED" ...

# the LUNCH PLATTER



THERE ARE STILL SO MANY  
PIECES TO THE PUZZLE I DON'T  
HAVE MET... AND I GOT MORE  
THAN JUST ABOUT ANYBODY  
ON THIS THING! NOBODY  
WANTS TO HEAR WHAT I HAVE  
TO SAY. BUT I'VE SEEN IT,  
GODDAMMIT!



HIS PEOPLE AND OUR PEOPLE  
ARE ONE IN THE GAME -- THEY'RE  
ALL THE ENEMY! WHO'S IN  
CONTROL OF OUR LIVES & NOT  
US, THEM!



"HIM", "IT", WHATEVER-- I'VE  
SEEN IT WITH MY OWN EYES!  
AND I'VE COLLECTED PROOF  
THAT THIS IS BIGGER THAN  
ANYBODY, AND I MEAN  
ANYBODY, IMAGINES!



BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?  
IS THIS JUST THE WAY IT'S  
SUPPOSED TO BE?



THEY CREATE THEIR PHONY COUNTERCULTURES,  
THEIR FAKE REVOLUTIONS TO KEEP THE SHEEP  
IN LINE. BUT IT'S ALL BULLSHIT! YOU THINK  
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IN THIS WORLD IS  
WORK HARD AND YOU'LL GAIN POWER, BUT IT  
DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY. SON... YOU HAVE TO  
BE CHOSEN BY GOD!

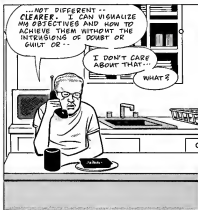
CRUNCH  
CRUNCH!



SHIT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW  
THAT YOU WOULD NOT EVEN BELIEVE!  
SOMES LIKE US HAVEN'T GOT A SNOW-  
BALL'S CHANCE IN HELL.. TAKE  
HITLER -- YOU THINK HE'S DEAD?  
WRONG! HE'S IN BRAZIL LIVING  
OUT HIS DAYS IN LUXURY KNOW-  
ING THAT HIS PEOPLE REALLY WON  
THE WAR!

CHOP  
CHOP!























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DIGESTING OLD  
ACNE PETITIONIST



DICKIE STOPS IN AT THE  
BANK TO CASH HIS DISABILITY  
CHECK...

GETTA MA  
MAN, POPP!

GODDAMN  
SON KIDS!  
MOVE IT!



MERCIFUL  
HEAVENS!



GNHHH!



GOD HELP ME,  
I CAN'T CONTROL  
MYSELF!

WHAT  
THE  
FUCK?



WHAT'S YER  
PROBLEM, Y'OLD  
FUCK I'S  
JESUS ANOTHER  
OF MERCY!



LATER...

ARE YOU  
SURE YOU'RE  
WILLIAM  
BURROUGHS?



## Young Dan Pussey's Clamour Date



by Charles

I'VE BEEN READING  
A LOT OF CHEKHOV  
LATELY... TELL ME,  
HAVE YOU READ  
CHEKHOV?

OH YES!



WHICH OF HIS  
WORKS ARE YOUR  
FAVORITES?

UM...  
CHEKHOV'S  
ENTERPRISE...



...I DON'T  
BELIEVE I'M  
FAMILAR  
WITH--

OH YEAH,  
AND ALSO  
CHEKHOV'S  
FEDERATION  
COOK BOOK!



I'M TALKING ABOUT  
ANTON CHEKHOV, THE FAMOUS  
RUSSIAN DRAMATIST! CHEKHOV!  
THE CHERRY ORCHARD! I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT SOMEONE TALKING ABOUT  
WITH THIS FEDERATION COOK BOOK  
NONSENSE... CHEKHOV, YOU BASTARD!  
CHEKHOV!



THAT REMINDS ME,  
I'VE GOT SOME NEW  
COMICS TO CHECK OFF  
ON MY CHECKLIST!



The  
End

# ZUBRICK'S PAL POGEYBAIT

by: Daniel G. Clowson

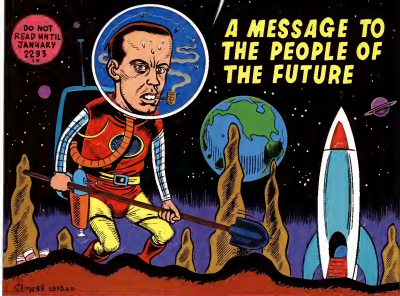


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Attention readers of the present day (that being the last decade of the 20th century): DO NO FURTHER. THIS IS NOT FOR YOU! This is a TIME CAPSULE. I'm here on the moon burying it to one day be dug-up and studied by your heirs in the 23rd century. The following pages contain EMBARRASSING FACTS about my personal life I don't want revealed until long after I'm dead so PLEASE, if you're still reading STOP NOW. This is-

DO NOT  
READ UNTIL  
JANUARY  
2293

## A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE FUTURE



My name is Clowes. I'm an "underground cartoonist". I come from Earth. I will be over 350 years old by the time you read this.

An underground cartoonist is someone who creates photographic scenarios, often wholly fictional, for the amusement of a small audience of marginal fringe-dwellers and drug-addicts.

Sometimes I'll wake up from a nap and in a moment of cosmic revelation I'll be struck by how truly strange and ludicrous this is.



W-HY DOES ANYBODY CARE ABOUT MADE-UP PLOTLINES AND CHARACTERS WHEN THEY HAVE THEIR OWN LIVES TO LEAD ??

It's not until I begin to ponder the GRIM ALTERNATIVES that I become comfortable with my own questionable existence. 95% of all jobs are in the realm of pointless PAPER-SHUFFLING and WAGE-SLAVERY. Beyond that, what's left?



IF NOT THAT, THEN HOW ABOUT DEVOTING YOUR LIFE TO SCIENCE AND STUDYING STUFF LIKE THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE AND STUFF LIKE THAT?



YOU COULD ALWAYS TURN TO RELIGION... BUT I SUPPOSE THAT OLD-FASHIONED STUFF JUST WOULDN'T SEEM 'HIP' TO A GUY LIKE YOU...

AN CONTRAIRE, FRIEND... IN A WAR THIS WHOLE CAR-TODDING THING IS A RELIGIOUS ENDEAVOR!

HOW SO, OL' CHUM?

I'LL GET BACK TO IT IN A MINUTE, PAL O' MINE!



In a general sense, the only life-style I would endorse is a kind of 'responsible' hedonism in which the pleasures of this life are experienced fully and often. This would apply only to me and my friends - we need other people to pave roads and deliver pizzas.



HEH, I THOUGHT THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A "TIME CAPSULE" FOR 1993, BUT INSTEAD YOU'RE JUST GOING ON ABOUT NINJA.

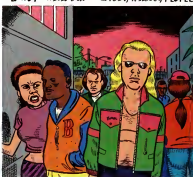
...And one thing we have plenty of here in North America during the last days of the second millennium is EXCESS! Let's have a look, shall we?



But seriously, is orgies are your "bag 60 GIT" EM! My personal form of hedonistic self-indulgence is to draw cartoons making fun of your excessive behavior!



FOR ONE THING, YOU'LL NOTICE THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE. THE PLACE IS LOUSY WITH 'EM... EVERYWHERE, PEOPLE.



- Don't know inside -

And they're always **BUGY!** Changing things, including things, tearing down old things and replacing them with newer, cheaper, simpler things... If you detach yourself from it enough, the city begins to look like one of those sped-up films of maggots devouring a corpse.



All that's left at the end is a **GIMPY MUSH!**



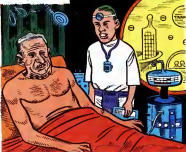
Things change too quickly and for no reason. Every one is overstimulated. It's especially clear in the faces of children.



The way things are set-up, their wants can never be satisfied. They spend their days keeping busy, hoping for something less chaotic in the next world.



Many will live and die in the next 500 years. Some will spend their lives praying for eternal salvation. Others will have their heads removed and frozen.



Still others will reproduce and force their annoying peculiarities on the next generation... I have devised my own horrible bid for eternity, a scheme in which you play a part, dear reader...



As long as one good citizen of the world of the future makes some attempt to read these words, I am saved.



Please don't let me die!

